Abstract of the Disclosure

To address the need for a high availability system (100) and
5   method of initializing that address failures that lock up common
communication buses (109) in these systems, the present invention
avoids powering-up peripheral components (e.g., 102-103) that have
previously locked up the bus. It accomplishes this by storing indicators of
successful initializations in memory (105), and then subsequently
10   powering-up components only if such an indicator was stored for that
component's last power-up.